

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-418**

**19th Century**

**Rocky Spring Farm  
Funkstown Vicinity  
private**

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-418  
District 10  
Map 58  
Parcel 67  
MAGI # 2206425535

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**Rocky Spring Farm****2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Route 40-A**

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF **Funkstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**6**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Washington****3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**John S. Shank**

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Route # 9, Box 409**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21740****5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**Washington County Court House**Liber #: **422**Folio #: **630**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740****6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED  $\leq 50\%$

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmstead, Rocky Spring Farm, is located at the end of a long private lane which extends in a westerly direction from U. S. Route 40-A south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated among limestone hills east of the Antietam Creek with the house facing east and the barn west.

The house is a two story, eight bay stone and brick structure. Its five northern bays are recessed beneath a two story double porch which is included under the main roof span. Stone construction is evident in part of the south end wall and in the south section of the west elevation. The house apparently consists of a stone dwelling which was rebuilt and enlarged with brick during the late 19th century. According to the present owners these renovations occurred in 1875. At that time the stone structure was given a brick facade. The area within the south gable is also of brick construction. The brick work is laid in common bond with segmental arches over the doors and windows.

Windows remaining in the stone section have massive frames, their joints secured with exposed wooden pegs and trimmed with quarter round molding. All windows at the major stories have over two pane sashes, the upper panes curved to form an arch. Most windows have pairs of covered shutters. Entrances are located in the second bay from the south end of the front elevation. Two doors are located at each story beneath the double porch. A modern two bay gabled entrance porch shelters the south end of the front elevation. Victorian scroll cut trim decorates the double porch.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Small brick chimneys extend from inside each end. Evidence remains of a third chimney which was located near the center of the house.

East of the house is a stone end bank barn constructed in the typical manner with vertical ventilator slits in the end walls.

Behind the house are several stone fences and evidence of an old road which led in a westerly direction toward the Antietam Creek where there was a fording.

This farm was known as the Doub Farmstead and was bought by the family of the present owner from Doub descendants in 1943. It contains 106.38 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 106.38 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**December 1977**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

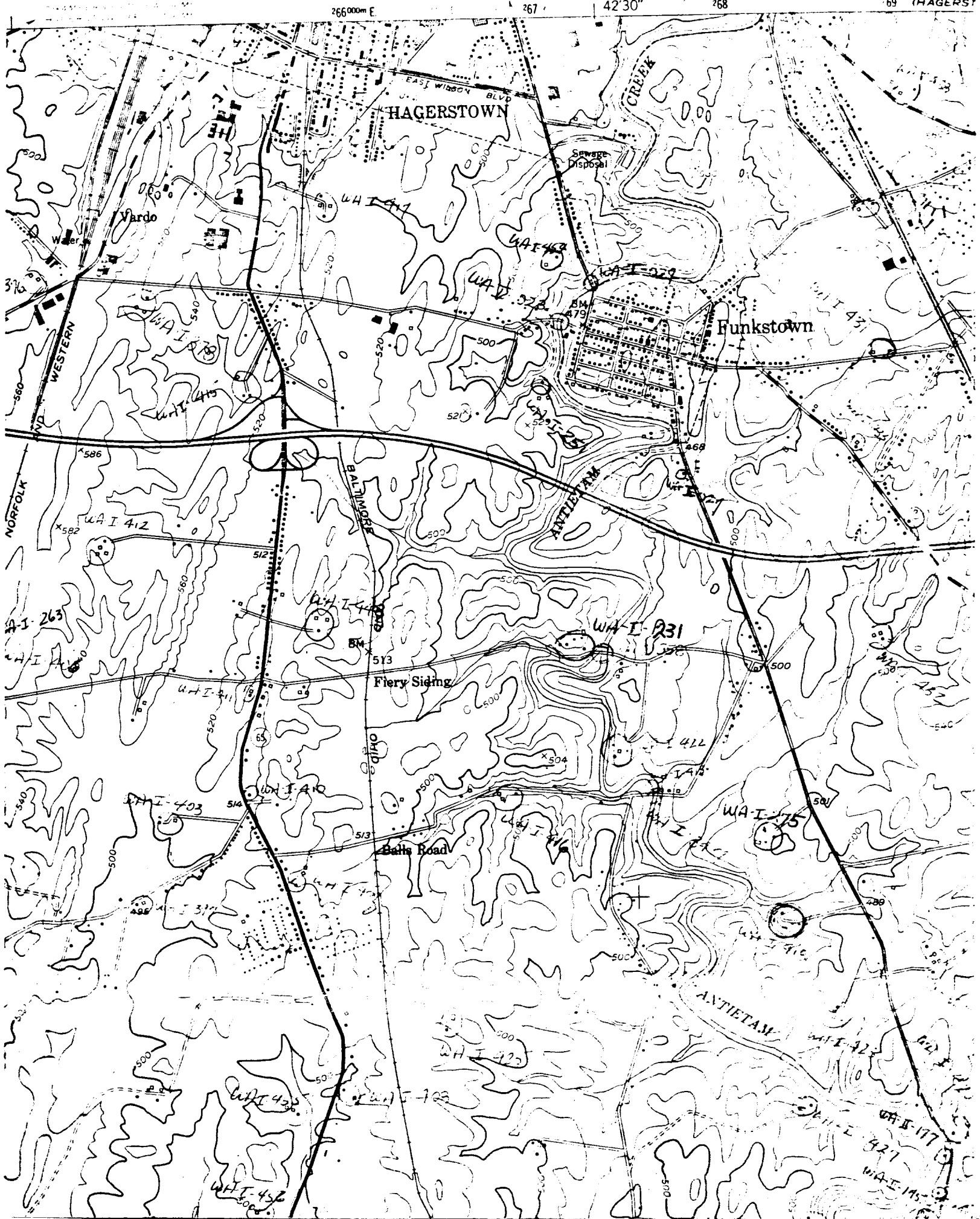
STATE

**Maryland 21740**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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May 1975

Rosby Spring Farm

Route 40-A

Hamletown vicinity

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Will E. 418

Point 1 W

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Route 40-A

Greentown vicinity

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2nd and 3rd

NE. view

May 1975

Rocky Spring farm

Route 40.17

Funkstown vicinity

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